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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) A suggestion in the matter by the hon. Member is under consideration.

(b) Proposals are awaited from the Director of Medical Services.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. Minister tell us what the Siddha works pending publication before the Government are, and also whether the necessary staff has been appointed for bringing out those publications?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Notice, Sir.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. Minister kindly enlighten us on what are the arrangements made at present to recover the Siddha vaidhya literature, which is mostly in palmyra manuscript and with private individuals?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I already said that suggestions were awaited from the Director of Medical Services, and I presume that mostly we will get the information from the palmyra leaves.

Overbridge at Covelong

* 117 Q.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the construction of the overbridge at Covelong in Chingleput taluk has been completed;

(b) if so, the length and breadth of the bridge and the expenditure incurred for its construction;

(c) whether buses are allowed to pass through that bridge to reach Covelong; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The length of the bridge is 76 feet and the breadth is 12 feet. The length of the bridge including approaches is 1,288 feet and the total expenditure incurred on the construction of the bridge is Rs. 3,26,542.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Diploma holders from Polytechnics

* 118 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any disparity in the pay scales of L.C.Es. and L.S.Es. (diploma-holders from Polytechnics) employed by the Government and by the Local Bodies; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?